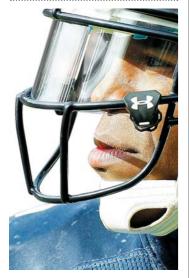
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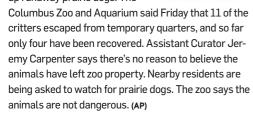


'Bossie' and 'Bluebell' Rejected as Name Options

A Wadena, Minn., woman who was pregnant when a tornado dropped a cow on her last summer has given birth to the baby. Samantha Wittstruck was one month pregnant when the tornado destroyed her home June 17. She says she paid tribute to her daughter's survival by naming her Skylar, as the first syllable is "sky." (AP)

Zoo Denies Dangers of Prairie Dogs

An Ohio zoo is trying to round up runaway prairie dogs. The



As Apocalypse Signs Go, We're Going to Disregard This Unless It Talks

A cow in Martvili, Ga., has given birth to a two-headed calf. Farmer Irakli Dzhgarkava says the cow is refusing to allow her strange offspring to nurse, so both heads are being bottle-fed. People have been visiting the creature since it was born Jan. 2. (AP)



A KITE-FLYER from Italy shows off at the International Kite Festival in Ahmadabad, India, on Sunday. Enthusiasts from 36 countries are participating in the festival, which runs until Friday. (AP)

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DeLay Sentencino

A Texas judge will decide Monday whether to allow witness testimony before sentencing former House majority leader Tom DeLay, who was convicted of money laundering.

Haiti Remembers

Wednesday marks the one-year anniversary of Haiti's devastating earthquake. The country is reeling, struggling to rebuild in the aftermath, and awaiting a presidential election runoff.

Holbrook Funeral

The funeral for Richard Holbrooke, famed diplomat and special envoy to Pakistan and Afghanistan, will be held Friday in Washington. Holbrooke died Dec. 13 at age 69 after an aortic tear.

Charges Brought in Ariz. Rampage

Police: Messages point at assassination plot that targeted Giffords

Tucson, Ariz.

Federal prosecutors brought charges Sunday against the gunman accused of attempting to assassinate Rep. Gabrielle Giffords of Arizona and killing six people at a political event in Arizona.

Jared Loughner, 22, has been identified by law enforcement authorities as the lone gunman in a Saturday rampage outside a Tucson supermarket that left six dead and 14 wounded, including Giffords.

Loughner began shooting indiscriminately while people waited to talk to the congresswoman, said Mark Kimble, a Giffords aide.

Loughner is accused of killing six people, including a federal judge, an aide to Giffords and a 9-year-old girl who was born on Sept. 11, 2001. Fourteen others were wounded, including the three-term Democrat.

Loughner is charged with two counts of murder and three counts of attempted murder. He could face the death penalty if convicted, and officials said he is likely to face additional charges.

He is scheduled to appear Monday afternoon in U.S. District Court in Phoenix.



A woman grieves outside University Medical Center in Tucson, Ariz., where Rep. Gabrielle Giffords is being treated after being shot amid a gunman's rampage on Saturday.



Prognosis Uncertain

Doctors say the bullet traveled the length of the left side of Arizona Rep. Gabrielle Giffords' brain, entering the back of the skull and exiting the front. Her biggest threat now is brain swelling, so surgeons removed half of her skull to give the tissues room to expand, doctors said. That bone can be reimplanted. There's no way to predict the damage, because neural connections are so individual, but doctors say they are optimistic. (AP)

A Troubled Past



Jared Loughner was rejected from enlistment in the U.S. Army because of issues related to his history of drug use, military of-

ficials said Sunday. Typically, applicants for military service must pass a barrage of exams, including an aptitude test, a drug screening, a background check and a series of medical tests. Loughner has a prior drug-related conviction. A military official said Loughner failed an aspect of the drug inquiry, though it was unclear whether it was urinalysis or questioning that blocked his entrance. (TWP)

Authorities don't know Loughner's motive but said he targeted Giffords.

Investigators said they carried out a search warrant at Loughner's home and seized an envelope from a safe with such messages as "I planned ahead," "My assassination" and the name "Giffords" next to what appears to be the man's signature.

In one of several YouTube videos, which featured text against a dark background, Loughner described inventing a new U.S. currency and complained about the illiteracy rate among people living in Giffords' congressional district in Arizona. (AP/THE WASHINGTON POST)



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'Out of a Horror Movie'

Boyfriend held after Portuguese celebrity found slain in N.Y.C.

New York

A male model who had recently been a contestant on a Portuguese reality TV show was taken into police custody hours after his companion, a celebrity Portuguese



ist, was found castrated and bludgeoned to death in a New York City hotel.

television journal-

The journalist, Carlos Cas-..... tro, 65, came to the U.S. in December with his

young boyfriend, model Renato Seabra, to spend New Year's Eve in Times Square, according to a family friend.

There had been some friction

Backstory

Security guards found Portuguese journalist Carlos Castro's body at about 7 p.m. Friday in his room at the InterContinental New York Times Square hotel. Castro's boyfriend, model Renato Seabra, was detained by police after he sought care Saturday at a nearby hospital. Seabra was being evaluated at a hospital Sunday. No charges have been filed against Seabra, police said Saturday. (AP)

between the two men, but nothing to suggest that anything horrible was imminent, said the friend, Luis Pires, the editor of the Portuguese-language newspaper Luso-Americano.

But when it was time to meet Pires' daughter for dinner Friday, Seabra emerged in the lobby of the InterContinental New York Times Square hotel acting strangely, Pires said.

"He told my daughter, 'Carlos will never leave the hotel again," Pires said.

Seabra was a contestant last year on a Portuguese TV show called "A Procura Do Sonho," or "Pursuit of a Dream," which hunts for modeling talent. He didn't win but did get a contract with an agency.

Castro was a high-profile public figure as a TV personality, said-Rui Pedro Tendinha, a film critic who knew Castro.

Designer Ana Salazar called Castro's death "like something out of a horror movie."

The death is the second recent slaying in an upscale New York City hotel room.

Swimsuit designer Sylvie Cachay, 33, was found strangled and drowned in a bathtub at the trendy Soho House hotel on Dec. 9. Her boyfriend, Nicholas Brooks, has pleaded not guilty in her death. (AP)

Snowy Weather Sweeps Through Ore.



A CHILD PULLS an inner tube up a hill in Government Camp, Ore., on Sunday. Nearby Mount Hood received 9 inches of snow within a 24-hour period over the weekend, and forecasters were calling for up to another 7 inches. Meanwhile, the southern part of the nation was bracing for a winter storm system that was expected to pummel the region with snow and ice.

Nation

Health

ANEW STUDY HAS FOUND that people like music for the same reason they like eating or having sex: It makes the brain release a chemical that gives pleasure. Scientists have suspected the link, but the work, published online Sunday by the journal Nature Neuroscience, shows it directly. The study used only instrumental music, showing voices aren't necessary to trigger the

rush of euphoria. (AP)

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Skyline Changing at Ground Zero

New York

The contaminated bank tower stood shrouded in black netting for years over ground zero, filled with toxic dust and the remains of 9/11 victims. It stayed where it was, even as the towers at the World Trade Center site began to rise.

Nearly a decade after the trade center's south tower fell into it, the building with a sad history of legal and regulatory fights, multiple accidents and a blaze that killed two firefighters will finally be gone in a little over a week.

The demise of the 41-story former Deutsche Bank building, referred to by its street address, 130 Liberty, is at least as welcome to its neighbors as the construction



The Deutsche Bank building at ground zero was struck by Sept. 11 debris.

of new trade center towers.

Assembly Speaker Sheldon Silver, whose district includes ground zero, called the toxic tower's removal a milestone.

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WASHINGTON

Health Care Law Repeal Passes a House Hurdle

House Republicans cleared a hurdle Friday with a 236-181 procedural vote in their first attempt to scrap President Obama's health care overhaul, yet it was little more than a symbolic swipe at the law. GOP lawmakers are seeking to repeal the law, knowing that the Democratic Senate will likely stop them. (AP)

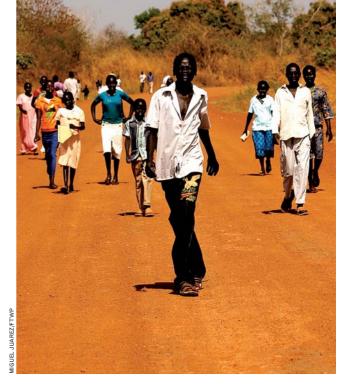
KARACHI, PAKISTAN Ruling Coalition Intact

Pakistan's U.S.-allied ruling party avoided the collapse of its government Friday after its reversal of economic reforms helped persuade a key ally not to defect to the opposition. Without the Muttahida Qaumi Movement's 25 seats, the Pakistan People's Party would fall short of a parliamentary majority. (AP)

3 ACAPULCO, MEXICO

Police: Cartel Suspected In Wave of Decapitations

The bodies of 15 men, all but one headless, were found Saturday in Acapulco as police reported 27 people slain in the resort in less than a day. Handwritten signs indicated the Sinaloa cartel killed them for intruding on the gang's turf. (AP)



4 Striding Toward Peace

Villagers head toward the Kurik Center polling station in southern Sudan Sunday to vote in a nationwide referendum that would allow the south to secede from the north. The weeklong vote is the culmination of a 2005 peace deal that ended a bloody, decades-long civil war.



⁶ "We are still resisters, and we are still resisting the occupier. ... Repeat after me: No, no for the occupier."

— MUQTADA AL-SADR, A RADICAL SHIITE CLERIC WHO ON SATURDAY STIRRED ANTI-U.S. SENTIMENTS AT A RALLY WITH HIS FIRST SPEECH SINCE RETURNING TO IRAQ FROM HIS FOUR-YEAR, SELF-IMPOSED EXILE.

6 Moscow

Russia Poised to Ratify New START Arms Treaty

Russia will likely ratify the New START treaty with the United States by the end of the month, a key parliament member said Friday. Russia's lower house of parliament delayed a final vote to study the resolution passed by the U.S. Senate last month. The official said Russia is now ready to ratify the pact. (AP)

BRISBANE, AUSTRALIA

Major Deluge Continues

A swollen river submerged bridges and inundated homes and stores Sunday in Australia's already sodden Queensland state as more heavy rain added to the country's worst flooding in decades. Maryborough became the latest of about 40 towns to be at least partly awash by floodwaters. About 200,000 people have been affected by the floods. (AP)

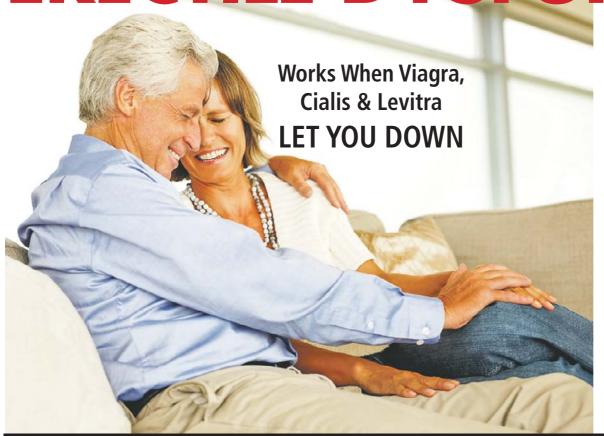
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with tooth streaking or spottiness because of too much fluoride, according to a recent study. A federal department announced plans Friday to lower the suggested level of fluoride in U.S. drinking water. (AP)

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In Brief



Pope Benedict XVI baptizes a baby Sunday in a ceremony at the Sistine Chapel.

VATICAN CITY

Pope Baptizes Newborns In Sistine Chapel Ritual

Pope Benedict XVI baptized 21 newborns in an intimate ceremony in the Sistine Chapel on Sunday that marked the end of the Christmas season. Standing under Michelangelo's magnificent "Last Judgment" fresco, the pope poured water on the foreheads of 13 baby boys and eight baby girls. (AP)

BAGHDAD

Arab Summit Plan in Iraq Faces New Challenges

Insurgent threats and a lack of hotel space for delegations pose stiff challenges to Iraq's plans to host for the first time in 20 years the annual Arab League meeting, despite assurances from the body's leader Sunday. Iraq's government is hoping the summit will showcase what Prime Minister Nouri al-Maliki described as the nation's improved security. (AP)

BEIJING

Gates Says China Moving Fast on New Weapons

U.S. Defense Secretary Robert Gates said on Sunday that China's rapidly developing defense capabilities are worrisome to the U.S.. China has made strides in building a new stealth fighter jet, and Washington is also concerned about a new ballistic missile that could theoretically explode a U.S. aircraft carrier nearly 2,000 miles out to sea. (AP)

Sudan's New South on Horizon?

Thousands of people cast ballots to choose war-torn region's fate

Juba, Sudan

Men and women walked to election stations in the middle of the night Sunday to create a new nation: Southern Sudan. Some broke out into spontaneous song in the long lines. And a veteran of Sudan's twodecade civil war, a conflict that left 2 million people dead, choked back tears

"We lost a lot of people," said Lt. Col. William Ngang Ayuen, who was snapping pictures of camouflaged soldiers waiting in long lines to vote. The 48-year-old turned away from his comrades for a moment to maintain composure.

Thousands of people began casting ballots Sunday during a weeklong vote to choose the destiny of this war-ravaged and desperately poor but oil-rich region.



A Sudanese man votes Sunday in a polling station outside of Khartoum, Sudan.

Because only 15 percent of southern Sudan's 8.7 million people can read, the ballot choices were as simple as could be: a drawing of a single hand marked "separation" and another of clasped hands marked "unity."

Almost everyone - includ-

ing Sudan's president, Omar Al-Bashir, who has been indicted for war crimes in the western Sudan region of Darfur — agrees that the mainly Christian south will secede from the mainly Muslim north.

"We are saying goodbye to Khartoum, the capital of old Sudan.

Preservation

Southern Sudan is among the world's poorest regions. The entire France-sized region has only 30 miles of paved roads. The U.N. says a 15-year-old girl here has a higher chance of dying in childbirth than of finishing school. Southerners, who mainly define themselves as African, have long resented their underdevelopment, accusing the northern, Arab-dominated government of taking their oil revenues without investing in the south. (AP)

We are coming to have our own capital here in Juba," said Tom Drani, a 48-year-old taxi driver.

This week's referendum is part of the peace deal that ended the 1983-2005 civil war between the north and south. Northerners had no say in the voting process, and the western region of Darfur, which belongs to the north, is not affected by the vote. (AP)

Pakistan Rally Backs Islam Law

Prime minister rules out any changes to blasphemy legislation

Karachi, Pakistan

Tens of thousands of demonstrators marched in Pakistan's largest city on Sunday to oppose any change to national blasphemy laws and to praise a man charged with murdering a provincial governor who had campaigned against the divisive legislation.

The size of the Karachi rally, which was large even by the standards of the city of 16 million,

Backstory

The rally of up to 50,000 people in downtown Karachi was one of the largest demonstrations of support for the laws, which make insulting Islam a capital offense. It was organized before the governor of Punjab province, Salman Taseer, was fatally shot on Tuesday in Islamabad by a bodyguard, who told a court he considered Taseer a blasphemer. Muslim groups have praised the bodyguard, Mumtaz Qadri, and have used Taseer's death to warn others not to speak out against the much-derided laws. (AP)

showed how bitter the argument is over the decades-old laws.

Although courts typically overturn blasphemy convictions and no executions have been carried out, rights activists say the laws are used to persecute religious minorities. Amid the threats from groups defending the law, the prime minister ruled out any changes to the legislation on Sunday, even as one of his key Cabinet ministers promised reforms were still on the agenda. ASHRAF KHAN (AP)

Plane With 106 People Crashes In Iran; 71 Die

Tehran. Iran

An IranAir passenger jet carrying 106 people crashed as it was making an emergency landing Sunday in a snowstorm in the country's northwest and broke into several pieces, killing 71 of those on board, Iranian media reported. The others survived with light injuries.

The pilots of the Boeing 727, operated by Iran's national airline, attempted the emergency landing in the city of Orumiyeh after reporting a technical failure to the control tower, the semiofficial Mehr news agency reported. The nature of the technical failure was unclear.

A spokesman for the Iranian civil aviation organization said that the plane "faced an incident." (AP)



Queen to Keep Her Head: Even if Britain's Royal Mail is sold to a foreign buyer, Her Royal Highness will still grace its stamp, the U.K. government said Sunday. Sculptor Arnold Machin's depiction of a youthful Queen Elizabeth II has appeared on billions of stamps since 1967, and Business Minister Ed Davey said he would put forward an amendment to make it impossible for a buyer to remove the monarch's image from stamps without royal assent. (AP)

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What made him possibly think I was a car owner? I was briefly confused, but then I remembered that our society is based on the assumption that absolutely everyone has a car. That's how you get horrendous development like out in Tysons Corner, where I recently couldn't figure out how to get into a building even after walking around it twice. It turned out the only entrance was through the parking garage.

In Washington itself, the greatest monument to the problem with this assumption is the mostly empty garage under DC USA, the Columbia Heights complex that houses Target and other big-box stores. It was impossible for planners to wrap their heads around the idea that folks would be going there on foot or by Metro, so they built a whoppingly useless 1,015 parking spaces.

I'm not advocating that we forget that



"I'd like to live in a world that does a better iob of acknowledging us carfree folks."

most people have a set of wheels - and that plenty of them prefer to get around that way. But I'd like to live in a world that does a better job of acknowledging the presence of us car-free folks.

I got a brief taste of that fantasy land —



where transit riders and car owners are treated equally when I rushed into the maternity ward at Georgetown University Hospital last week and presented myself at the front desk. "Do you need your parking validated?" the attendant asked. Nope! I just wanted to see my friend and her new

baby. There was no need to worry about my ride, because the free GUTS bus that connects to Metro comes around every 15 minutes.

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Pr. George's Exec Wants to Limit Developer Ties

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The proposals come as ex-county executive Jack Johnson and his wife, Leslie Johnson — a newly installed county council member — face federal charges in a corruption probe stemming from alleged payments from a developer.

One measure would restrict council members' ability to accept campaign contributions from developers while they are considering legislation that would directly affect developers. The other would affect council member's ability to become involved in development proposals. (AP)

Neighbors Fight GU's Expansion

Residents living near the school organize against campus plan

Washington

Campaign season is in full swing in the neighborhoods near Georgetown University. The opposing sides have mailed color pamphlets to hundreds of residents, hired consultants and sent out terse news releases. There are even yard signs.

The clash is not about an election. Instead, it's centered on the university's newly proposed 10-year plan, which was submitted last month to the D.C. Zoning Commission.

Neighbors had hoped the plan would include the construction of more residence halls, which could help reduce the number of under-



Georgetown University's proposal does not have plans for more undergrad housing.

graduates living in off-campus group houses. Instead, the plan envisions new or renovated academic and recreational venues, pedestrian-friendly walkways and more graduate students.

"These students are rolling into our neighborhoods, and we're losing blocks that used to be residential," said Cynthia Pantazis, a Citizens Association of Georgetown board member.

"We've reached a saturation point. ... It is catalyzing the neigh-

Colleges and universities often struggle with their neighbors. Yet few community groups manage to push back with this level of sophistication.

When asked to describe these neighbors, university President John J. DeGioia responded with a chuckle: "This is an extraordinary community."

Both sides are now gearing up for Zoning Commission meetings, which neighbors expect will begin in the next month or two.

"The community is so galvanized right now," said Jennifer Altemus, president of the citizens association. "I've never seen everyone come together like this."

JENNA JOHNSON (THE WASHINGTON POST)



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McDonnell Set to Roll Out New, Costly Va. Budget

Richmond, Va.

Virginia Gov. Robert F. McDonnell plans a massive spending campaign that he said would unclog state roads, award thousands more college degrees and spur job creation, part of an aggressive legislative agenda he is expected to roll out this week.

McDonnell, a Republican, will press lawmakers to approve a series of statewide projects he said would be paid in part through Virginia's \$403 million budget surplus, \$337 million in higher-than-expected tax revenue, and \$192 million generated through cuts and savings.

And in stark contrast to other governors, who are cutting budgets and slashing payrolls, McDonnell told The Washington Post that he plans to borrow nearly \$3 billion over the next three years for transportation projects and intends to spend an additional \$400 million to fix the state's ailing roads; \$58 million to help state colleges and universities; and \$54 million to create jobs. (THE WASHINGTON POST)

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Cover Story

"You have extremes on both sides; you have crazy people on both sides. Your job as a leader is to talk to people in a rational way to bring down the rhetoric." - REP. RAUL LABRADOR, R-IDAHO, WHO RAN AS A TEA PARTY FAVORITE



A sign on the door of the office of Rep. Jason Chaffetz, R-Utah, offers best wishes for Rep. Garielle Giffords, critically wounded in Arizona.

A Call for Civility

Lawmakers shaken by the attack on Giffords urge both parties to tone down 'toxic' political rhetoric

Washington

The shooting rampage in Arizona seems to have created a reset moment for confrontational politics, as lawmakers reflect on the repercussions of the overheated rhetoric traded on the airwaves and on the campaign trail.

Members of Congress from both parties called Sunday for civility over belligerence as the House temporarily shelved the contentious debate over repealing the health care law and lawmakers paused to contemplate the tragedy.

Critically wounded Rep. Gabrielle Giffords, the apparent target of a lone shooter, emerged as a potent and cautionary symbol of the current political climate. Still, there was no clear motivation for the attack, and some warned

A Moment of Silence

President Obama on Sunday called for a national moment of silence to be observed at 11 a.m. Monday and postponed a scheduled trip Tuesday to Schenectady, N.Y. "It will be a time for us to come together as a nation in prayer or reflection, keeping the victims

keeping the victims
and their families
closely at heart,"
he said. Members
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bloodshed in Tucson keep them from
mingling with the
public. (AP)



against making provocative politicians and commentators the culprits in the assault. Six died and 14 were wounded in the shooting at a Tucson shopping center where Giffords was holding a gathering with constituents.

House Speaker John Boehner told lawmakers in a conference call Sunday to "pull together as an institution."

"What is critical is that we stand together at this dark time as one body," he said. "We need to rally around our wounded colleague, the families of the fallen, and the people of Arizona's 8th District. And, frankly, we need to rally around each other."

Such unifying pauses are usual after national tragedies. The Sept. 11, 2001, terrorist attack was a coalescing moment in the nation that for a time improved

The Victims



John Roll, 63, Arizona's chief federal judge since 2006.



Christina Taylor Green, 9, born on Sept. 11, 2001, had in interest in government.



Gabe
Zimmerman,
30, was Giffords'
director of
community
outreach.



Phyllis Scheck, 79, a homemaker and widow who was married for 56 years.



Dorwin Stoddard, 76,died shielding his
wife in the attack.

Dorothy
Morris, 76,
moved to Tucson
a decade ago; was
a homemakerand
secretary.

(No photo available)

New Fears

Personal Politics

Members of Congress on Sunday pledged not to let the bloodshed in Tucson keep them from mingling with the public. Even so, some said they'll give extra thought to precautions, like a visible police presence and more secure locations for public events. "I think it needs to be a wake-up call for members who have treated ... their own personal security in a cavalier way," Rep. Debbie Wasserman Schultz, D-Fla., said on NBC's "Meet the Press." Making it harder for people to access those who represent them could give credence to a rallying cry of the tea party movement: the "ruling class" of government in Washington is too far removed from voters. Lawmakers say informal gatherings -like the "Congress on your Corner" supermarket stop Rep. Gabrielle Giffords was hosting when she was attacked — are invaluable in helping them connect with constituents. "I like to look at people eye to eye, to see what they really believe and what they're thinking," said Rep. Paul Broun, R-Ga. (AP)

the tone of Capitol Hill debate. What's more, the attack on Giffords has given members of Congress a sense of unusual common purpose. Leaders from both parties worked together Sunday to offer members assurances that they were reviewing security measures.

While Sunday's calls for unity and civility were bipartisan, the discussion had a partisan subtext as Democrats pointed to anti-government language from the tea party movement and to rabble-rousing imagery and rhetoric from conservative figures such as Sarah Palin.

Sen. Dick Durbin, the second-ranking Democratic leader in the Senate, mentioned Palin's combative rallying cry, "Don't retreat; reload," and the crosshairs she used to signal congressional districts where she wanted Republicans to win. "These sorts of things, I think, invite the kind of toxic rhetoric that can lead unstable people to believe this is an acceptable response," Durbin said on CNN. JIM KUHNHENN (AP)



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Flacco, Ravens Defense Throttle Chiefs



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Pro Football

Coach Todd Haley warned his youthful Kansas City Chiefs that Baltimore's defense would be the best they'd see all year. He was right.

Ray Lewis, Ed Reed and the rest of the battle-tested Ravens (13-4) rattled the Chiefs (10-7) into five turnovers and held their offense to 25 yards in the second half in a 30-7 playoff victory Sunday.

Joe Flacco threw two touchdown passes and Billy Cundiff kicked three field goals as the offense pounced on the scoring chances created by the Ravens'



Ravens linebacker Ray Lewis, left, sacks Chiefs quarterback Matt Cassel Sunday.

smothering, veteran defense.

Kansas City, which set a club record with a six-game improve-

ment to win the AFC West, now goes into the NFL record book as the only team to lose seven post-

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season games in a row.

The Ravens also shook off the family tragedy that Reed has dealt with since Friday morning, when the Pro Bowl safety's brother apparently disappeared into the Mississippi River. Reed called his teammates his second family whose support is helping him get through this ordeal.

"Just being there for strength, respect for what's going on," Reed said. "They just gave me the team ball for my family." (AP)

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Sports

Loss Gives Hoyas Sense of Urgency

Georgetown in bad spot in Big East after West Virginia upset

Commentary

It's one game. That's the party line, the coaching cliche, and it's usually the truth. But Georgetown's 65-59 loss to West Virginia on Saturday at Verizon Center felt less like one game and more like a referendum on this team's season.

The Hoyas dropped to 1-3 in the Big East, with No. 5 Pittsburgh heading to town on Wednesday. If they play against the Panthers the



way they did Saturday, the Hoyas will start the Big East season 1-4. In a league with seven teams in the top 25, that's not good, even if all 16 teams take turns

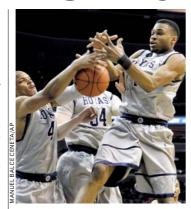
beating each other senseless during the conference season.

"We're four games into an 18-game season," Hoyas Coach John Thompson III said. "The bad news is we've lost three of those games. This is the Big East, so no game gets any easier. Does that put a heightened sense of urgency on the Pittsburgh game? Absolutely."

Thompson is right; there aren't a lot of gimmes on the Big East schedule. But Saturday's matchup came close. Both teams came into the game 1-2 in the Big East. Both teams had beaten only DePaul in league play.

But the Hoyas had managed a handful of decent nonconference wins — Missouri, Memphis, Utah State, North Carolina State — en route to a 12-3 record and No. 13 ranking. The Mountaineers, on the other hand, came to town unranked and with a 9-4 record.

After the game, West Virginia coach Bob Huggins called Hoyas guards Jason Clark, Austin Free-



Georgetown's rebounding woes are one reason the team is 1-3 in league play.

man and Chris Wright "the three best perimeter guys in the country. I don't think there's anyone who's even close to those guys." That may be the case, but the trio was a combined 4 of 15 from behind the arc Saturday. In four Big East games, the Hoyas are shooting just 26 percent from 3-point range.

That might not hurt so much if they were getting some putbacks, but against West Virginia, Georgetown had just four offensive rebounds. The Hoyas ranked last in the Big East in offensive rebounding

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before Saturday's loss. They had five points Saturday on second chances; the Mountaineers had 12.

"It would be easy to sit here and say that's just how the ball bounces," Thompson said. "We're in a place where we don't want to be right now. Everyone in that locker room from myself on down has to figure out how to get us out of this place."

And they'll need to figure it out by Wednesday.
(THE WASHINGTON POST)

Villanova Ends Cincinnati's Run

College Hoops

Corey Fisher scored 21 points, Maalik Wayns had 13 of his 15 in the second half, and No. 7 Villanova beat No. 24 Cincinnati 72-61 on Sunday, handing the resurgent Bearcats their first loss of the season.

Fisher had 20 points and made all nine of his free throws in a dynamic first half for the Wildcats (14-1, 3-0 Big East).

Villanova upped its winning | in 1962-63. (AP)

streak at the Pavilion, its cozy 6,500-seat, on-campus arena, to 45 straight. The streak began on Jan. 17, 2007, and now includes 19 wins over Big East teams.

Winners of nine straight, the Wildcats haven't lost since a 78-68 game against Tennessee Nov. 26 in the finals of the NIT Season Tip-Off at Madison Square Garden.

Cincinnati (15-1, 2-1) started the season 15-0 for the first time since 1998-99. The Bearcats started 19-0 in 1962-63. (AP)

TV Lineup

COLLEGE FOOTBALL (8 P.M., ABC)

After five weeks of hype, Oregon and Auburn square off in a battle of undefeateds in the BCS title game in Glendale, Ariz.

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Getting Ahead



John Paul Diego, left, holding his dog, Mia, and Colin Pears, right, with his dog, Ari, founded the journal American Dialectic together after meeting at a dog park.

Sniff Out A Better **Place to** Network

Low-stress settings can lead to key connections

Advancement

To many people, business cards and resumes are essential networking tools. Throw in a well-pressed suit or a conversation-starting necklace, and you're on your way to a great first impression. But for John Paul Diego and his fiancee, Abbi Shelton, the best attire is casual — and their must-have extras are a leash and a pooper scooper.

The West End residents and owners of a 3-year-old border collie mix named Mia have formed valuable professional ties - and even landed jobs — as a result of getting to know the other people who visit their neighborhood dog parks.

"Mia is probably the best icebreaker in the world," says Diego, 25, who met the cofounder of his philosophy journal, American Dialectic, at one of the parks he and Shelton visit with Mia. Shelton, 24, found her position at Catholic University after that same dogpark acquaintance e-mailed her a job listing he thought she'd be perfect for.

"No matter who you are," Diego says, if CONTINUED ON E2

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Casual Connects

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you own a dog in the city, "you go to the dog park." And you "probably don't want to let your dog play with a dog [belonging to a person] that you don't know." That's why he's become close with many of his canine-loving neighbors (and their pooches, of course). In the park's let-your-hair-down environment, people are more approachable, and job-related chitchat often comes naturally, he says.

Pet-friendly gatherings aren't the only creative alternative to university career centers or industry association happy hours. Some of the unlikeliest places to schmooze can be the best settings for forging meaningful relationships.

The yoga studio, for instance, is rarely high on career advisers' lists of networking hot spots. Yet, like-minded fitness enthusiasts often find themselves discussing more than their headstands outside of class. At Flow Yoga Center (1450 P St. NW; Flowyogacenter.com), for instance, socializing is almost as popular as the yoga instruction itself.

"People have been known to come to our class an hour early to hang out in the lounge," says Flow owner Debra Mishalove. She describes the studio's lounge as "a very thriving space" that can host 10 to 15 students at any given time. "There's lots of activity and lots of conversations going on."

Some of that chatter led to new career opportunities. Mishalove says she hired people for both Web design and teaching yoga through contacts she made at her studio.

Caitlin Uzzell and Angela Cerkevich met as students at Flow about two years ago and formed a friendship. Once they discovered they shared career interests and goals, Uzzell merged her nonprofit Finding Grace with Cerkevich's nonprofit Anahata International. Anahata Grace (Anahatagrace. org), which they created in March 2010, aims to bring yoga into underserved communities in the District and post-conflict countries



The friendship between pups Mia, left, and Ari, second from right, led to a job for the fiance of John Paul Diego, right, at Catholic U.

"To be perfectly honest, the one secret to successful networking is to really and truly take an active interest in who other people are. When you do that, you find out more about who people are and what they're passionate about."

- Colin Pears, director of the center for academic success at catholic university and executive director of the journal american dialectic.

abroad. Networking in workout wear rather than business attire "suits my personality more," Uzzell says. "It's more casual; there's a real sense of openness and an ability to throw ideas out there."

Diego and Shelton didn't expect that their new friendships would lead to career changes, either. But their pup, Mia, has helped with that and more: She also showed that "there's no such thing as a bad first impression," Diego says, laughing, "because Mia will get very energetic with other dogs."

Shelton adds, "My dog has taught me that it's OK to be social and be outside of your comfort zone." In early 2010, Mia introduced her owners to Colin Pears, who even-

tually worked with Diego to found American Dialectic (Americandialectic.org), for which Diego is now the managing director.

Pears also helped Shelton find her job as an administrative assistant at Catholic University. "He knew that I'd been looking for a job, and in August he sent me the job description," Shelton says. "University listings are not something that I would normally look at. … It was amazing that he thought of me."

Pears, who is the director of the Center for Academic Success at Catholic University, and the owner of an 8-year-old boxer named Ari, chalks up the success story to his open-minded outlook. "To be perfectly honest, the one secret to successful networking is to really and truly take an active interest in who other people are," Pears says. "When you do that, you find out more about who people are and what they're passionate about," which can help you seek out better opportunities for them.

Still, the dog park is surprisingly great for work-related socializing, Pears says. "You get a little view of people's souls when you see their dogs and their dogs interact."

Another unexpectedly connection-conducive locale is the golf course, which often matches up strangers to create parties of four. Diego says he met D.C. school administrators, lawyers and consultants while working his way through 18 holes at the East Potomac Golf Course (972 Ohio Drive SW; Golfdc.com). "You end up walking and talking and playing a very social game with them for two or three hours," he says.

For those who can't fathom making small (yet important) talk in a golf cart or while clad in spandex, other offbeat options can come from pursuing hobbies or recreational interests.

Bookworms might meet new people while perusing the latest hardcovers, Pears says. "A lot of very helpful connections have come from talking with someone at a bookstore," he says. Once, he found out about a lecture series related to his career from a chat with a stranger over literature. Another time, he says, he met an ROTC student at a Barnes and Noble who was anxious about what would happen when he was called up to serve. Pears put the student in touch with his brother, who served in Iraq.

"A large portion of networking is not to go into it thinking about what you can get for yourself," Pears says. "Places where you already have something in common with others are where to start."

Then again, you could just let your pet do the legwork for you. After all, just about every person (and fire hydrant) presents a new opportunity, right? KATIE ABERBACH (EXPRESS)

How to Unearth Employment

Author and career coach Don Asher points job seekers to hidden opportunities

Q&A

With the new year comes new resolutions — a vow to work out, to quit biting your nails, to secure a new job or switch careers. But with the unemployment rate at almost 10 percent, landing a good gig won't be nearly as simple as joining a gym.

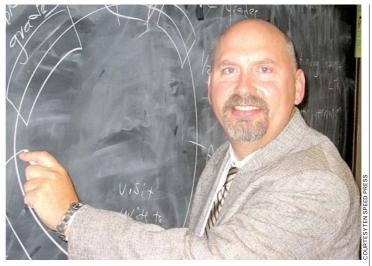
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Career coach Don Asher proposes a simple formula for job-hunting success.

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Who you know is more important than what you know. Those resumes [that are e-mailed in]

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are different than those that are brought up by an employee who says, "This is a friend of mine, this is an acquaintance of mine; this is my ex-wife's ex-tennis partner's dog walker's accountant." The ones in the stack that came through the application process through the computer, 25 percent of them have an outright lie on them, and as a manager, you don't know which 25 percent. If someone hands you a resume, you know that resume is very unlikely to have a

lie on it because you don't want to hand a resume to a friend or even a friend of a friend with an outright lie on it.

How do you find people to talk to?

You don't have to have any friends in order to have a hidden job market search technique. You can start from scratch. You can reach people now, especially with the Internet and e-mail, and find people you have connections with using LinkedIn, Plaxo and Facebook.

What do you say?

You approach them about a specif-

"You have to occupy mental space within the recruiter's head. Every 10 days, you have to find a reason to communicate with them."

ic opportunity, but you don't ask them about opportunities at their firm. You would say, "I'm looking for a job as a cost accountant. Do you know any organizations that might be looking for a cost accountant?" That's a profoundly different approach than saying, "Do you have any opportunities in accounting in your firm?" If you ask them that, you're making them say no to you, but by asking for advice, leads and referrals, you give people a chance to help you.

You recommend keeping 100 leads in the air at all times. That's daunting.

As things fade away, you're going to have to find things to replace them. You only need one person to say yes to you. So, out of 100, you've got a pretty good chance that one of those people that you're going

to approach either knows about or has an opening.

OK, I've reached out. Now what?

A placement can take weeks or months. What do you do with all that time? You have to occupy mental space within the recruiter's head. Every 10 days, you have to find a reason to communicate with them. This is where true creativity comes into play. Send them a new reference, update your resume, send an article out of the paper — anything to get your name in front of them and remind them that you're still a candidate. STEPHANIE KANOWITZ

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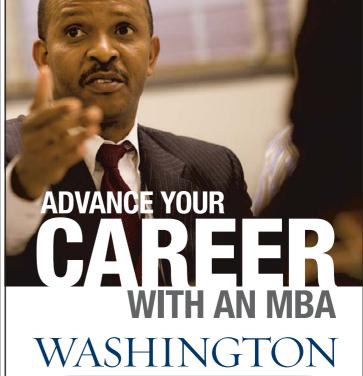
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In order to earn their positions, Foreign Service officers such as Craig Kennedy must complete many hours of vigorous testing.

Face of the Nation

A one-time contractor now represents U.S. policies abroad as a Foreign Service officer

Transitions

In his old life, Craig Kennedy knew only what he calls "job-site Spanish." As a general contractor in Atlanta, he built and renovated houses — and needed to know the terms for, say, "awl" and "dig a hole" to communicate with Hispanic laborers.

It was a good life for two decades. But when the housing market began to slide in 2006, Kennedy's career and marriage both felt the strain. His last job ended in 2008, and he turned to part-time accounting. "It was all humiliating and depressing," he says.

Open to anything, he filled out an online application to take the written Foreign Service exam (see Careers.state.gov). The application alone took Kennedy about 20 hours, which is toward the low

end. Applicants must choose one of the Foreign Service career tracks: consular (issuing visas, evacuating Americans, facilitating adoptions, fighting fraud), political (analyzing the host country's political events and negotiating with its officials), diplomatic (interpreting American values and policies within the host country), economic (working with each government on trade, energy, tech and environmental issues) or management

(running embassy operations, from real estate to people to budget).

Rather than test one's knowledge of foreign affairs or diplomacy, this first exam is mainly about

English proficiency, including essays. "I guess they think if you don't know your own language in depth, it'll be really hard to represent your government in another one," Kennedy says.

You might call this process a job application on steroids. Of the 24,000 who take the written exam each year, only 5 percent eventually — over nine to 14 months — make it into the service and become U.S.

State Department employees.

After passing that exam, in February 2009, he moved on to an all-day oral exam seemingly designed to intimidate: A panel of officials asked Kennedy "What-if?" questions and observed multi-person exercises involving Kennedy and other Foreign Service hopefuls. Here the department was looking for 13 "facets" of ability and character, from objectivity to quantitative analysis. "Who has all that?" Kennedy wondered.

Apparently, he did: Over the next several months came a thorough physical and vetting for a security clearance and "suitability." Foreign Service officers (FSOs) handle secure data and can grant visas, which is why the State calls its people the front line — "we need the judgment and fortitude and smarts to handle situations of all kinds in diverse environments."

Kennedy arrived here in October 2009, one of 90 people assigned to the Foreign Service Institute (FSI) at Arlington's George P. Shultz National Foreign Affairs Training Center to learn another language

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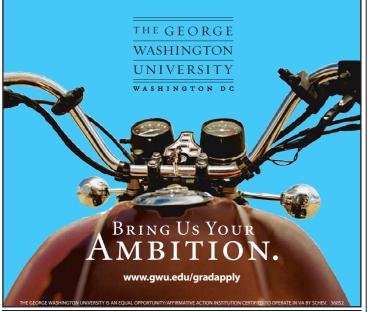
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Foreign Service

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— and much more. On his first day, he was officially hired by the State Department. Then began a whirlwind five weeks of government classes; diplomacy and skills training; and social events. At 48, Kennedy was one of the older students; FSOs must be younger than 60 when starting preparation for their mission of implementing U.S. foreign policy.

Next came, for him, future assignment to Guadalajara, Mexico, and seven months of Spanish immersion. Everyone is assigned a language based on State's needs, rarely on what each person might already know. "You walk in the bathroom and hear Swahili, Chinese, German, Urdu," Kennedy says. Though students are asked their preferences, there are no promises. "Some countries I had no desire to go," he recalls, "but someone else always said, 'Are you kidding? That's my first choice!"

FSI classes include history and culture as well as every aspect of a language. What Americans call the BP oil spill, he learned, Mexicans call the black tide. "Raining cats and dogs" becomes "raining toads and snakes" — but "a frog in one's throat" doesn't translate, he says.

By the end, the former builder was prepped for a new life in a place he'd never been to: Mexico's second-largest city, home of mariachi music and this fall's Pan American Games.

"State is consistently in the top 10 among large government agencies in employee satisfaction," says Tracey Jacobson, deputy director of FSI. Initial salaries are \$50,000 to \$75,000, and "two-thirds of our posts are so-called hardship posts, so it's not about glamour. It's tremendously satisfying to serve not only your government's foreign-policy interests but your fellow citizens. And because you change jobs every two to three years, your career is predicated on lifelong learning."

Most FSOs start in consular



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work regardless of what they've chosen. Kennedy, on the management track, spent his first few weeks shadowing experienced officers before starting to interview people and issue visas. "We ask questions, look at paperwork, enter information and review security notes, all in a short time, and half of it in Spanish," he reports.

"I'm doing 60 to 70 interviews each day, although I need to get to 100 soon," Kennedy admits. "Some days I reject about half my applicants, other days very few. A visa application costs \$140, and for some of the lower socioeconomic class, that is one or two weeks' pay. It is a big decision that we take seriously."

Training at FSI was only a kick start. "Our conversations and our

thinking move fluidly between English to Spanish, and back again, hundreds of times each day. I find myself speaking, and listening, without translating or even thinking, more and more," he says. But "as my vocabulary expands rapidly into non-business areas, I'm exposed to new ways to embarrass myself."

A social life helps: Because the FSOs are short-timers, "the group of 20 officers is very quick to invite everybody over for a football game or birthday party."

Echoing Jacobson, Kennedy is enthusiastic: "I have a year and 10 months to stumble upon the quirky cultural, geographical and religious differences here that make the world worth exploring."



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Skills

It's a couple weeks into the new year, and already it seems those pledges to be a better person and land a better job aren't as harmonious as you thought. On the one hand, you wonder why we all can't just get along. On the other, it's, "Out of my way; coming through!" But according to Jane Shapiro, an expert on adult Jewish learning, the paths to these ends don't have to be so divergent.

"Jewish tradition has a lot to say about how we exchange, how we speak and what we do, and those are real things having to do with not just getting what you want but what it means to be a certain kind of human being," Shapiro says.

Women in particular already have a tough time distinguishing assertion from aggression, says Wendy Swire, Shapiro's sister and an adjunct professor of negotiation at the Johns Hopkins Carey Business School.

"Women are uncomfortable asking [for what they want], she says. "They're uncomfortable: If the per-

son says no, will they like them?"

That's why the sisters are combining their expertise into a class — "Successful Negotiation Strategies for Women" — with a onetwo punch: how to be a better negotiator and how to do it in a way that stays true to your spiritual beliefs.

THEBASICS: Designed for about 50 women in their 20s and

30s, the two-hour class begins with a lecture and moves into case studies of effective negotiators, including some from the Torah —

Judaism's sacred text — such as how Moses persuaded God to continue as leader of the Israelites after they upset God.

"It really models how you remind someone that there's an issue here, respectfully, but also challenge that person to move off whatever emotion is keeping them fixed," Shapiro says.

The crux will be the break-out groups in which students will analyze their own situations, such as what to do when they're doing their part on a committee or team but others are slacking. "That's very stressful," she says. "How do you say to somebody, 'I really need you Continued on page E8

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WHAT YOU'LL LEARN: Fore-

most in negotiating is realizing when you're doing it, Swire says.

"You're always negotiating," she says. "In traffic, to get a space in a crowded elevator — it's one of the skills you use all the time."

That's why she'll teach students to recognize their weaknesses, such as fear of seeming too pushy, and then avoid them using basic negotiation strategies. One is anchoring, or raising the stakes you bring to the table. "It's the reference point around which a negotiation will revolve," Swire says. "It might be a dollar figure; it might be a promotion. Women tend to have lower anchor points."

"You're always negotiating. ... It's one of those skills you use all the time."

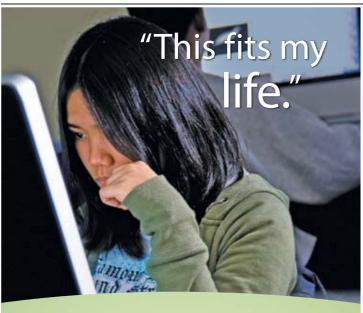
- **WENDY SWIRE**, ADJUNCT PROFESSOR, JOHNS HOPKINS CAREY BUSINESS SCHOOL.

Participants will leave the class with two or three hard negotiating skills they can use immediately, the sisters say. They'll also understand proper preparation techniques such as checklists and templates that encourage strategizing various negotiation angles.

Shapiro hopes students will also learn to draw on spiritual wisdom to get ahead. "You can manage that negotiation better. You can manage it more artfully," Shapiro says. "Having negotiation skills makes you more mindful of who you are

in that moment and that there's another person there. In thinking through the skills, you realize there's a human relationship at work."

WHAT'S THE DEAL? "Successful Negotiation Strategies for Women" will take place Feb. 1 at 7 p.m. at the Sixth and I Historic Synagogue, at 600 I St. NW. The class costs \$10. Register at Sixthandi.org. STEPHANIE KANOWITZ





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vodka at a bar, explaining the inner workings of the latest Ford SUV at an auto show or talking about the distillation process of a recently imported scotch at a liquor store.

Isabella Boehm started working as a spokesmodel when she moved to D.C. several years ago. Since then, she has worked for a wide variety of clients, including a drag racing company, the Army and Nissan. "I didn't know anybody in town when I first arrived, so it was a way for me to meet people, make contacts and see new places," she explains. "And earning some money on the side was nice, too."

Models earn between \$20 and \$40 an hour, depending on the type of event. Those held at liquor stores usually pay at the low end of the scale, while events at trade shows or high-profile clubs traditionally pay the most. No matter where the spokesmodels are, though, they are expected to be on their best behavior and consistently on message.

"When models do an event, they are the face of a brand," says Erin Plewes, owner of D.C.-based event marketing company Spring Ahead Inc. (Springaheadinc.com). "I want someone who's well spoken, attractive, outgoing and is able to commu-



Isabella Boehminitially turned to spokesmodeling as a way to get to know D.C.

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— **ERIN PLEWES**, OWNER OF D.C.-BASED EVENT MARKETING COMPANY SPRING AHEAD INC.

nicate. They have to be comfortable talking to people they don't know and can walk into different environments and acclimate accordingly."

The best way to get going as a spokesmodel is to contact local marketing companies directly to get in their Rolodex for future consideration. "Return calls quickly and be flexible," Plewes advises. "That will make people want to hire you again and again."

Spokesmodels usually receive specialized training from the contractor before every assignment. "The bigger the product, the longer

and more thorough the sessions," Boehm. says If a spokesmodel is working on an extended campaign, that training might take several weeks. However, most jobs require just an hour or two of instruction before the event begins. The models are paid for this time, and any specialized clothing required for the event — such as a branded T-shirt or uniform — is provided, too.

Whether she's promoting cars or cocktails, it's easy for Boehm to fit this extra work around her full-time job, because most of her assignments don't start until somewhere between 5 p.m. and 7 p.m. However, these evening start times also mean that she might not finish up until 2 a.m. or 3 a.m. if she's working at a nightclub. "You have to pick and choose," she admits. "I have to be at work early and I don't want to interfere with that. It's fun work, but you can't let it distract you."

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Lisa Cherkasky, 54

JOB: Food stylist

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Cherkasky's annual salary fluctuates, but she earns \$75,000 a year on average. Her day rate is about \$750. (Cherkasky has in the past worked on a freelance basis for Express.)

WHAT SHE DOES: If you've picked up a packaged foodstuff at the grocery store, glanced at the latest issue of Bon Appetit or flipped through a cookbook for recipes, you've seen food styling. These artists are in charge of making these pictures look as tasty and as tantalizing as possible. They obtain ingredients and props, cook dishes, and plate and garnish them attractively. Though they use a lot of tools you'd find in most kitchens, they also break out some odd gadgets



Food stylist Lisa Cherkasky once styled muskrat, for the "Smithsonian Folklife Cookbook." "They were hard to get," she notes.

to get their subjects camera-ready. Cherkasky uses a child's aspirator to move gravies and sauces around, a jeweler's torch to brown steaks and a clothing steamer to keep bottles looking like they just came out of the fridge. "A lot of what I do is about keeping the food moist," Cherkasky reveals. "A wet lemon can make the picture."

WOULD YOU WANT THIS JOB?

Food stylists need to be nimble and attentive. "You can't be a bull in a china shop," Cherkasky says. "If you bump something, you've ruined hours of work." The labor itself can incredibly stressful, because stylists sometimes spend an entire day trying to get a single dish to look just right. "You can't say, 'This is perfect. I'm done," Cherkasky says. "The client can pick at it for as long as they want. I've worked on a single forkful of rice for hours."

HOW SHE GOT THIS JOB:

Cherkasky started out her career in food in the kitchen, as a cook for



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a family while she was still in high school. She attended the Culinary Institute of America in New York and went on to work as a chef at D.C. at hot spots such as the Tabard Inn. Ultimately, she wanted to take a break from the restaurant world, so she found a job working on Time Life Books' "Healthy Home Cooking" series as a recipe developer, which required her to do food styling. This was a lucky break. "It's hard to get into this field," Cherkasky admits. "No one wants to train you, because they don't want you to take their job. There's a very limited amount of work out there, so you don't want to share it." Luckily for Cherkasky, she was paired with food photographer Renée Comet, and the two developed a partnership that exists to this day.

WEIRDEST ASSIGNMENT:

Clients sometimes want to photograph highly unusual dishes. "I've styled muskrat," Cherkasky says. "It was for the 'Smithsonian Folklife Cookbook.' They were hard to get, but I finally got them from some guy in Baltimore who just happened to have some in his freezer."

HOW YOU CAN GET THIS JOB:

Since it isn't possible to get a college degree in food styling, the easiest way to get started is to take an online course. Offered through websites such as Photostylingworkshops. com and Foodesigns.com, these interactive classes help beginners learn the basics. For more advanced training, Cherkasky recommends taking a hands-on, in-person workshop taught by an established food stylist. Additionally, aspiring stylists can attend the annual International Conference on Food Styling and Photography (Foodstylingandphotography.org), which offers numerous educational opportunities. NEVIN MARTELL



Above: Lisa Cherkasky uses common kitchen tools to prepare beautiful food, but sometimes it takes something unusual—such as eyebrow tweezers—to achieve perfection. Below: After numerous tweaks, this sexy sandwich is finally ready for its close-up.



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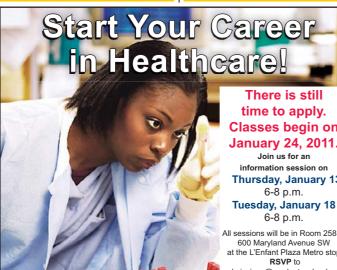
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Six Is Enough

Posh and Becks are expecting a fourth child this summer 31

Booze Clues

Breaking Resolve

All right, here's the question: What is wrong with all of you? Giving up drinking is a terrible new year's resolution. Do more push-ups! Eat less beef! Or forget the whole stupid, self-defeating concept and instead make



lists of your accomplishments of 2010 in letters 10 feet high on your apartment wall. Pro tip: If you use that glow-in-the-dark paint, your landlord might not notice until after you've moved out, and

then the next tenants will think they have ghosts!

But I see that my mind tricks have no effect and I'm going to have to pull out the big guns. You try writing about alcohol in the season when everyone's remembered that they have livers and hate fun. And thus: Were I the sort of person who makes resolutions like that, here are the D.C. alcohol experiences that would test my resolve, in no particular order:

- Sharing a Fin du Monde with a friend perched on stools at Granville Moore (1238 H St. NE; 202-399-2546). Pair this light but potent beer with a "let's just be friends" talk.
- ▶ The sloe gin fizz at the Gibson (2009 14th St. NW; 202-232-2156), enjoyed first alone and then as part of a discussion with your neighbor about why drinks with raw egg in them make life worthwhile.
- ► An old-fashioned at the Passenger (1021 7th St. NW; 202-393-0220). Sure, it'll make you any fancy drink you want, but order the old-fashioned with Willet bourbon and watch your friend greedily eye your drink as she regrets swearing off booze for 2011.

Just Add Friends, Stir

Innovative guitarist Tom Principato adds more collaborations to his wide repertoire

Album Preview

D.C. has spawned more than its fair share of innovative lead guitarists like Link Wray, Nils Lofgren and the late Danny Gatton.

And Tom Principato. Since the early 1980s, he's racked up more than 20 Washington Area Music Association awards (known as WAMMIES), largely because of his fleet-fingered playing. You can hear him in full force on his newest CD, "A Part of Me," which drops Tuesday.



A Part Of Me Tom Principato

Back in 1984, Principato collaborated with D.C.'s Danny Gatton on the album "Blazing Telecasters," a six-string showcase that brought both musicians acclaim. Says Principato: "I'm kind of pleased to say it's kind of become a timeless piece. It's really kind of different from anything else in Danny's catalog and my catalog, too."

The album is similar to Principato's newest in one respect, though, in that it features him collaborating. Similarly, "A Part of Me" finds Principato trading licks with



finds Principato trading licks with | See guitarist Tom Principato play live in Annapolis or Alexandria in February.

Plavlist

Tom's Top Tunes

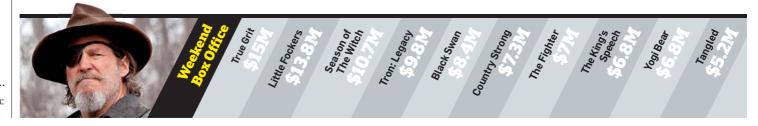
When it comes to listening habits, Principato is a classicist who says he "lived by reissues" for a long time. His current rotation now includes

- Ray Charles, Aretha Franklin and B.B. King:
- "They've been my standbys for life to draw inspiration from, and I still draw inspiration from their recordings."
- Astor Piazzolla: "I've discovered new people, too, especially in world music. Astor, to me, is one of the most soulful musicians ever."
- Gipsy Kings: "I find a lot of the Latin guys and the flamenco guys very inspiring."

musicians ranging from Allman Brothers and Rolling Stones keyboardist Chuck Leavell to British organ legend Brian Auger.

"The more musical friends that I made over the years, the more that I wanted to record with them," he explains. "I decided to try to corral it all into one album." TONY SCLAFANI

- Rams Head Tavern, 33 West St., Annapolis; Feb. 17, 8 p.m., \$22.50; 410-268-4545.
- Birchmere, 3701 Mt. Vernon Ave., Alexandria; with Bill Kirchen & Hammer of the Honky Tonk Gods; Feb. 18, 7:30 p.m., \$25, 703-549-7500.



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You May **Debate**

The first session of "Shakespeare and the Law," about marriage, should be way more fun than anything with "the Law" appended to it has the right to be. Just consider the ins and outs of Romeo and Juliet's rocky union. (The pic at left is from the Shakespeare Theatre Company's 2008 allmale production.) Shakespeare Theatre, 610 F St. NW; 6:30 p.m., \$25; 202-547-3230 x2312. (Gallery Place)

Everything

Jayme Stone is trying to do for the banjo what that other guy did for the ukulele. And before you say "But he's Canadian. How can he possibly understand the banjo?" as we know you were opening your mouth to, listen to the man play. His music is influenced by everything from Japan to Africa to (of course) the Appalachians, and it sounds like a whole new instrument — as much as the banjo can. Kennedy Center, 2700 F St. NW; 6 p.m., free; 202-467-4600. (Foggy Bottom)

Sounds of the '60s

It is officially the week before Martin Luther King Jr. Day and, as such, let's get ready

(Gallery Place)

to honor his memory. Tonight,

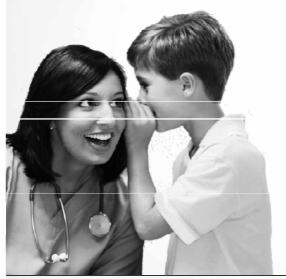
the Martin Luther King Jr. Memorial Library will open its youth photography exhibit with a concert of "King-era jazz," which we're assuming means the 1960s and, thus, awesome jazz. Martin Luther King Jr. Memorial Library, 901 G St. NW; 6:30 p.m., free; 202-727-0321.

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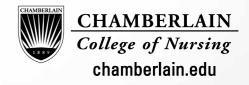
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TV tonight lookout

Best Bets

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Lie to Me While Cal (Tim Roth, center left) tries to determine whether a patient is being held in a mental hospital against his will, he finds himself questioning his own sanity. Another case has him doing a background check on a wealthy woman's new love interest.



Tabatha's Salon Takeover It's located on Newbury Street, which has been called Boston's Rodeo Drive, but the Avanti salon is losing its high-end clientele, thanks to a staff that runs wild because the owner, Alex, thinks the place can run itself.

BRAVO 10:00 **Hoarders** Glen, a man who bred rats as pets, has been driven out of his home by the 2,500 (not a typo) rodents that have overrun his house since the death of his wife. Now he's living in a shed and wants his critters adopted. (TRIBUNE MEDIA)





Lessons In Sharing

THE BACHELOR

ABC 8:00

Like a once-promising band reduced to wedding gigs and one-

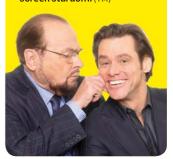
night stands at Kiwanis club socials, Train performs incidental make-out music for Brad, left, and "one lucky lady" on tonight's "The Bachelor." With a magic carnival glowing in the background, Brad and Ashley H. exchange daddy issues. A moment is shared. We're also informed that Brad and Ashley will share a Ferris wheel ride.

KEVIN MCDONOUGH (UNITED FEATURE SYNDICATE)

Interview

Comedy Tonight!

In a new episode of "Inside the Actors Studio" (8 p.m. on Bravo), Jim Carrey sits down with host James Lipton to discuss his long career. He attracted notice as a member of "In Living Color" in the early 1990s, then hopped to bigscreen stardom. (TM)





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"Yes, I plan on buying a tablet. I've wanted a touch-screen computer/tablet since they first came out, and the price was way too high. I will wait until later this year, when [they're] on sale."

COMMENTER MZKECIA

"The Magic 8-Ball says, 'It is certain!"

COMMENTER DIOGENES

"Do people really need these? Consumers are such sheep."

COMMENTER QUENTIN

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"I have seen a lot of amazing runs in my day, but I don't think I have seen a better run than this. I have already watched it 27 times. The stiff arm will be replayed forever; doesn't matter what else Marshawn Lynch does in his NFL career. He will forever be

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remembered for this run."



"It may be unthinkable to some, but the evidence continues to suggest that the cast members of 'Jersev Shore' are among the biggest stars on television at the moment."

-MEDIADECODER.BLOGS.NYTIMES.COM REACTS TO NEWS THAT THE MTV REALITY SHOW TOTALED 5.461 MILLION VIEWERS BETWEEN THE AGES OF 18 AND 49 FOR ITS SEASON 3 PREMIERE ON THURSDAY.

"T-Pain is sure hanging onto the idea that everyone should use Auto-Tune in their everyday lives."

> -THATSENUFF.COM WAS A BIT SUR-PRISED TO SEE THE RECORDING ART-IST RELEASE HIS NEW "I AM T-PAIN MICROPHONE" AT THE CONSUMER ELECTRONICS SHOW (CES) LAST WEEK. IT'S BASED ON THE SAME CONCEPT AS HIS BEST-SELLING IPHONE APP.



"Katie Holmes' hit-challenged career took another blow when the A&E Television Network dumped its highly touted 'The Kennedys' miniseries. The project will be seen internationally, but that is likely to offer little comfort to Katie, who hasn't had a hit film since 2005, before she was Mrs. Tom Cruise."

-RADARONLINE.COM CAN'T IMAGINE THAT HOLMES IS HAPPY WITH THE NET-WORK'S DECISION TO CAN THE SERIES. IN WHICH SHE PLAYED JACQUELINE KENNEDY AND GREG KINNEAR PLAYED JOHN E. KENNEDY.

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AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18) Someone is waiting for you to express yourself more openly and honestly, but the truth is that certain things are hard for you to say.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20) The combination of imagination and perspiration will be hard to beat — and what you do may be the start of something big.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) You will have no shortage of support, but what you do with it will be entirely up to you. Are you ready to do battle with your critics?

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) You'll have the chance to stand up for yourself in a way that inspires confidence in others. You have a lot going for you.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) Don't try to do so much for another that you give up more than expected of your own personal resources.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) You know that you can do the right thing, but the timing will be difficult to recognize and can make all the difference.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) Your way of thinking is far more progressive at this time than anyone else's, though you may be stubbornly conservative about some things.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) Try to please everyone around you and you're likely to displease yourself in a way that makes it hard to bounce back.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22) Certain compromises may not be worth it, but you'll want to consider all the options available to you before setting anything in stone.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21) You may not want to make a certain decision, and yet you're not willing to leave it to anyone else, either. It's a dilemma.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21) Don't turn anyone against you — for he or she may be the one person who can beat you at your own game.

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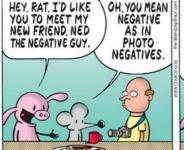








PEARLS BEFORE SWINE I STEPHAN PASTIS



PHOTOS? I'M JUST TAKING THIS TO THE SHOP 'CAUSE IT'S BROKEN. LIKE EVERYTHING. EVERYWHERE, BECAUSE THE WHOLE WORLD IS BAD AND TRAFFIC IS TERRIBLE AND THE WEATHER IS CRAPPY AND MY FOOT HURTS.





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- 10 Brewery supply
- 14 A second time
- 15 Shine's companion
- 16 Colorful food fish
- 17 Most cheap
- 19 Backwards-arrow
- command
- 20 Supplanter of the silent movie
- 21 Pied Piper follower
- 22 Football holders
- 23 ___ Hatter
- 25 Swamp gas, essentially
- 27 Did a cobbler's job
- 32 Speak on the record?
- 33 Do as one is told
- 34 Kimono closers
- 36 Centerfold
- 40 Had on
- 41 A Barbary capital
- 43 English noble
- 44 Hosiery mishaps
- 46 Chutzpah
- 47 Italian greeting
- 48 Wisconsin's Fond du __
- 50 Indoor buzzer
- 52 Toro's opponent
- 56 Have a little drink
- 57 Sci-fi crafts
- 58 Solver's cry
- 60 Black Sea region
- 65 Part of a waiter's income
- 66 One way of following the conversation
- 68 Quaker State port
- 69 Word with "thin air"
- 70 Cheese chunk
- 71 Fractions of mins.
- 72 Litmus
- 73 Hibernation locations

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- 1 Undeniable truth
- 2 Turkish official (var.)
- 3 Airplane section

- 4 Dirty dishes collector 5 Good way to show up
- for work
- 6 Lanka
- 7 Stadium feature
- 8 State of northeast India
- 9 Improving
- 10 Telephone part
- 11 Nighttime breathing disorder
- 12 Carrying cargo
- 13 "___ were the days!"
- 18 Gung-ho type
- 24 Fix a computer
- program
- 26 Water faucet
- 27 Gets the dinghy going
- 28 Lustrous black,
- poetically

- 29 Spouse of Zeus
- 30 They may be found near temples
 - 31 Washington or Shore
 - 35 Farm storage units
 - 37 Babe in the woods
 - 38 Eurasia's ___
 - Mountains
 - 39 Tactical maneuver
 - 42 Water channel
 - 45 Dejected

 - 49 "Chill out!"
 - 51 Urban problem
 - 52 Trumpet mufflers
 - 53 Fully in flames
 - 54 It's debatable
 - 55 River from the Alps to
 - the North Sea
 - 59 Declines (with "out of")

- 61 Mental germ
- 62 Skirt style

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NBC announces it will move "The Jay Leno Show" from prime time to 11:35 p.m. and "The Tonight Show With Conan O'Brien" back to 12:05 a.m.



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TELEVISION

Theatrical Cooking With Valuable Moral Lessons

Emeril Lagasse will be heating up his pots and pans for a new cooking show on Hallmark Channel. The cable network said Friday the show will air daily starting late this year as part of its daytime programming block. It will be produced by Martha Stewart Living Omnimedia. (AP)

VICIOUS CYCLE

Drama Manufactured to Hype Manufactured Drama



Melissa Rivers has a message for mom Joan Rivers: enough plastic surgery. "In my opinion, it's like enough," Melissa Rivers said. "Stop it. It is a source of conflict; it really is. It bothers me." The two women were at a news conference

Friday to hype their upcoming WE network reality series, "Joan & Melissa: Joan Knows Best?" The series premieres Jan. 25. (AP)



Acclaimed nature photographer Alberto Rodriguez caught on film two wild celebrities tending to their young.

OFFSPRING

The Brood Multiplies

David Beckham and his wife, Victoria, are expecting their fourth child later this year, the former England soccer captain posted Sunday on Facebook. "I've got some great news to tell you all," Beckham wrote. "Victoria and I are expecting our fourth child this summer. The boys are very excited about the arrival of a new brother or sister." The pair already have three boys: Brooklyn, 11; Romeo, 8; and Cruz, 5. (AP)



Dirtbag? Digest

Today's Word: 'Avaricious'

The Revenue Resource Group has sued Kim, Khloe and Kourtney Kardashian for \$75 million, E! reported. The company filed a breach-of-contract suit against the sisters, who backed out of a deal to promote Kardashian-branded MasterCards. (EXPRESS)



LAS VEGAS

The Glitz, the Glamour, The Bankruptcy Attorneys

A Las Vegas nightclub owned partially by Eva Longoria has filed for bankruptcy, saying it owes nearly \$5.7 million. Lawyers for Beso LLC said in a federal Chapter 11 filing that they project losing more than \$76,000 per month. Longoria owns nearly one-third of Beso but is also listed as an unsecured creditor. (AP)



"I don't know if I can handle him, to be honest. I like to have fun, and I'm really trying to not get into anything too serious."

– **Chelsea Handler** insists to usmagazine.com that she and 50 cent are not in a romantic relationship.

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